

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to foreign terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process is to continue in effect beyond January 23, 2015 "referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–5).

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Quorum Calls Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H452, H452–53, H459 and H459–60. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee rules and oversight plan were adopted.

PROTECTING THE INTERNET AND CONSUMERS THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Internet and Consumers Through Congressional Action". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE SGR: THE TIME IS NOW

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health began a hearing entitled "A Permanent Solution to the SGR: The Time Is Now". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its oversight plan.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, oversight plan, and list of Committee professional staff.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, oversight plan, and staff hiring resolution.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 399, the "Secure Our Borders First Act of 2015". H.R. 399 was ordered reported, as amended.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a markup on H.R. 181, the "Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015"; H.R. 350, to direct the Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking to identify strategies to prevent children from becoming victims of trafficking and review trafficking prevention efforts, to protect and assist in the recovery of victims of trafficking, and for other purposes; H.R. 159, the "Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act of 2015"; and H.R. 285, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a penalty for knowingly selling advertising that offers certain commercial sex acts. The committee adopted its rules and subcommittee assignments. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 159; H.R. 181; H.R. 285; H.R. 350.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION AND ABORTION INSURANCE FULL DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7, the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2015". The committee granted, by record vote of 7–1, a closed rule for H.R. 7. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of New Jersey.

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Unmanned Aerial Systems Research and Development". Testimony was heard from Ed Waggoner, Director, Integrated Systems Research Program, Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; James Williams, Manager, UAS Integration Office, Aviation Safety Organization, Federal Aviation Administration; and public witnesses.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION: REFORMING AND STREAMLINING THE FAA'S REGULATORY CERTIFICATION PROCESSES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Reforming and Streamlining the FAA's Regulatory Certification Processes". Testimony was heard from Chris Hart, Acting Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Dorenda Baker, Director, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration; Gerald Dillingham, Director of Civil Aviation Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; BUILDING A BETTER VA: ASSESSING ONGOING MAJOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress and a hearing entitled "Building a Better VA: Assessing Ongoing Major Construction Management Problems within the Department". The committee adopted resolutions to approve: committee rules; ratio of subcommittees; majority subcommittee chairmen and vice-chairman; ranking members of each subcommittee; majority membership of the subcommittees; minority membership of the subcommittees; committee staff; and the committee oversight plan. Testimony was heard from Sloan D. Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lloyd C. Caldwell, P.E. Director of Military Programs, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; David Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 114th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and oversight plan.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on training and equipping the vetted Syrian opposition, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine jobs and a healthy economy; to be immediately followed by an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules of procedure, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine job-based health insurance and defining full-time work, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, committee rules of procedure, and the nominations of Russell C. Deyo, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and Michael D. Kennedy, of Georgia, and David Avren Jones, of Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress, subcommittee assignments, committee rules of procedure, and the nominations of Michael Greco, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York, and Ronald Lee Miller, to be United States Marshal for the District of Kansas, both of the Department of Justice, Michael P. Botticelli, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, and Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 114th Congress, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "EPA's 2014 Final Rule: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "A Permanent Solution to the SGR: The Time Is Now", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Veterans' Dilemma: Navigating the Appeals System for Veterans Claims", 10:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.